

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A belt-type fixing device is provided in which a wide fixing nip having a generally flat pressure distribution with respect to a paper feeding direction can
5 be formed.

The belt-type fixing device of the invention has a nip forming member that is fixed inside an endless-sheet-like fixing belt to be heated so as to be incapable of rotating, and a rotatable pressurizing roller that is in
10 pressure contact with the nip forming member with the fixing belt interposed between. Contact part between the fixing belt and the pressurizing roller forms a fixing nip, and a surface of the nip forming member that is opposite to the pressurizing roller is configured as a curved surface
15 extending along an outer circumferential surface of the pressurizing roller so that a pressure distribution in the fixing nip is made generally flat with respect to the paper feeding direction.